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News Release

APG Soldiers and civilians receive recognition

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ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md The 22d Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) recently held an award presentation ceremony at the Edgewood Conference Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, recognizing Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians for their dedicated service.

Lt. Col. Franz Amann, commander, 22d Chemical Battalion (TE) hosted the event and presented the awards.

Soldiers and DA civilians receiving the awards were Maj. Anthony Hayden and Sgt. Maj. Mark Froom, Joint Meritorious Service Medal; Sgt. 1st Class Filemon Garzon, Joint Service Commendation Medal; Sgt. Jose Henao, Joint Service Commendation Medal and Army Commendation Medal (2); Master Sgt. Arturo Corpuz, Army Commendation Medal; Maj. Chadwick Bauld, Joint Service Achievement Medal; Mr. James Swank, Joint Civilian Service Achievement Award; Sgt. 1st Class Carl Flowers and Pfc. Victor Robledo, Army Achievement Medals. Ms. Patricia Stitley, 25 years of government service; Mr. Charles Cook, Mr. Mark Fonti and Mr. Adam Pulliam for 15 years of government service.

Twenty-one Department of the Army civilians received the Edgewood Chemical Activity Commander's Coin from Lt. Col. Gerald L. Gladney, who also commands the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility. Gladney thanked them for their contribution to the activity and the successful completion of the chemical agent storage and disposal mission.

"This is a great opportunity to recognize the dedication and teamwork of 22d Chemical Battalion." Your diligence in ensuring the safe storage of the mustard stockpile and the delivery of the ton containers to the chemical storage area was a critical part of the success of a complex and very important operation," said Gladney.

"Perhaps more important, you played a critical role in the elimination of the stockpile threat, not only to the surrounding community, but also to the state of Maryland and to the United States," he added.

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The 22d Chemical Battalion (TE) removed the last ton container of mustard agent from Aberdeen's Chemical Agent Storage Yard on Feb 2. That significant event marked the end of 61 years of bulk mustard agent storage at Aberdeen Proving Ground. This storage site is the first of eight U.S. Army stockpile sites in the continental United States to safely eliminate its stockpile of stored agent.

Amann expressed gratitude to his military and civilian workforce and presented a special plaque to the 22d Chemical Battalion's Bravo Company.

"This plaque is dedicated to B Company for your support in the closure of the Edgewood Chemical Activity's Chemical Agent Storage Facility by safely moving 1,817 one ton container holding over 3,200,000 lbs of mustard agent," said Amann. "This is a way to document your dedication to safety within the chemical arena," he added.

The 22d Chemical Battalion (TE), formerly called the U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit has over 60 years of experience in chemical/biological response, and has a long history of meeting the changing needs of the nation.